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DCI REMARKS TO
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What's it like to be chief spy of country

...unfortunately, not exotic
...wife says fortunately

Task is managing risks

For two purposes

- (1) Gain information
- (2) Influence course of foreign policy

A Methods of gaining information

1. Photographs

...hand held camera -- risky
...camera in plane
...satellite
-- not quite as risky
-- quite expensive
-- risk of managing
- right picture
- right time
- risk of interpreting
- telling right people

2. Intercept signals

...radio
...radar signals
...telemetry used in test missiles
...~~Nuclear~~
Risks -- placing antenna in right place,
right signals, understanding
and interpreting properly

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3. Human intelligence, spying why?

...cannot obtain by photo, listening
...need info on people's minds, their intentions

How?

...open sources

- read Pravda everyday
- street corners in foreign countries
- conferences, diplomats
- clandestinely -- spying

Considerable risks

...human lives
...coordination

4. Analysis
5.

Important, vital to decisionmakers of our country to know what is going on and the plans and intentions of leaders of other countries

Our country great; 157 other countries impact on U.S., we on them

- ex, 1972 Soviet entry in world grain market

Responsibility to have a country well informed

~~Risks of analysis~~

B. Influencing events in other countries...the other option

- Persuasion
 - ...articles in our newspapers, radio
- Negotiate for common understanding
- Persuasion clandestinely
 - ...option between open persuasion and war
 - ex, planting idea in mind of a foreign secretary

Suggested - go as far
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- assassination

- never have done
- President direct order not to even contemplate

-- Difficult ethical choices

- ...how try to persuade
- ...difficult decision - is it worth the risk
- ...respons rests not only with DCI, but NSC, President, Congress

Importance of intelligence today *info / covert persuasion*

- military parity
- economic growth
- institutions

Summation

- Being an intelligence officer

Exciting *Masera*

Proud to be part of it *Intelligence*

Contributing to country's welfare, *Risk*
security *Ethics*

Hope someday you'll consider joining